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Town of Eastham Hosts Summer Kickoff & Ice Cream Social

Event to Feature Family Fun, Showcase T-Time Property Improvements

EASTHAM – The Town of Eastham invites community members of all ages to attend a Summer Kickoff & Ice Cream Social event on Saturday, June 25 from 12 PM to 3 PM at the Town-owned T-Time property (4790 State Highway, Eastham). Attendees will enjoy free ice cream, courtesy of the Ice Cream Café (while supplies last), as well as old-fashioned field day games, face painting, music, and an 80s-themed costume contest. Representatives from the Town's Community Development, Recreation & Beaches, Police, and Fire Departments will provide an array of family-friendly activities and games, including tug-of-war, sack races, and more. The Eastham Public Library will also be on site to sign up children and families for the Library's popular summer reading program. Picnic lunches and beach chairs are welcome and encouraged. All activities are free. To learn more, visit the Town website at https://tinyurl.com/T-TimeSummerKickoff.

In addition to providing Eastham community members with a fun and festive kickoff to summer, the Summer Kickoff & Ice Cream Social event will serve as an unveiling of recent site improvements at the Town-owned T-Time property. In 2021, the Town of Eastham was awarded a grant of \$29,800 through the MassDOT Shared Streets and Spaces Program to make a series of site improvements through the "T-Time Placemaking Project." The goal of the project is to create opportunities for expanded public access on the vacant, 11-acre T-Time property, which is currently the subject of a community-led Master Plan process to outline its long-term use. To date, grant-funded improvements include cleanup of debris and landscaping, as well as installation of a new walking/biking path around the site, informational signage, a new split rail fence, and picnic tables and bike racks.

The Summer Kickoff & Ice Cream Social event is made possible with support from the Town of Eastham Recreation & Beaches Department, Town of Eastham Community Development Department, Eastham Public Library, Eastham Police Sergeants and Patrol Officer Union, International Association of Fire Fighters L2975 Eastham, Eastham Employees Association, Ice Cream Café, Eastham Chamber of Commerce, and Sam's Deli.

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About the T-Time Property

The T-Time property is an 11-acre parcel of land, located at 4790 State Highway (Route 6). The site was previously home to the T-Time Family Sports Center. Town of Eastham residents agreed to purchase the property in spring of 2019 via both Town Meeting and ballot vote, with the goal of finding a use that would be an asset to the community, satisfy unmet needs, and reflect the Town's community character and quality of life. To learn more about the T-Time Property and the T-Time Development Initiative, visit www.easthamttime.org.

About the North Eastham Village Center Master Plan

The T-Time property, along with the Town Center Plaza (4550 State Highway) and COA (1405 Nauset Rd) properties, form the basis of the Town of Eastham's North Eastham Village Center Master Plan. Once complete, the Master Plan will provide conceptual designs for future use of these three Town-owned properties, as well as comprehensive plan showing how the sites could tie into a more walkable village center in North Eastham. The final plan will include options for how built structures and natural spaces could be arranged on the sites, identify required infrastructure, and provide estimated costs for construction. The Town has hired Union Studio Architecture & Community Design of Providence, RI to lead the master planning effort. They are assisted by the Horsley Witten Group of Sandwich, MA; Peregrine Group of East Providence, RI; and CapeBuilt of Hyannis, MA. To learn more about the Master Plan, visit www.northeasthammasterplan.com.